

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 591

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A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of former Somerville Police Chief Kenneth Carl “Kenny” Feathers.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of former Police Chief Kenneth Carl Feathers, a dedicated and exemplary public servant; and

WHEREAS, born April 7, 1961, in Memphis, Chief Feathers received his education in Fayette County Public Schools, furthering his education through programs provided through local, state, and federal departments; and

WHEREAS, Chief Feathers dedicated more than two decades of his life to the State of Tennessee Law Enforcement; and

WHEREAS, much of his time in law enforcement was spent handling and training one of the most successful drug and narcotics canines in the country. He also enjoyed teaching handgun classes, and he served as an instructor for the firing range, where he qualified multiple officers of various law enforcement departments; and

WHEREAS, Chief Feathers was appointed Chief of Police in Somerville in 2001, and he faithfully served his community until receiving injuries in a fundraising event in 2008; and

WHEREAS, Chief Feathers performed his appointed duties in an admirable manner that distinguished him as a credit to both his community and his profession. Somerville was made a better and safer place to live through his service; and

WHEREAS, Chief Feathers dedicated time in his private life to the protection and betterment of his community, and he was a lifetime member of the National Rifle Association, the Chiefs of Police Association, the Drug Task Force, and U.S. Customs; and

WHEREAS, in his free time, Chief Feathers enjoyed outdoor activities such as hunting, fishing, and playing golf, but he was a dedicated family man whose first priority was his children; and

WHEREAS, he is survived by his daughter, Chelsea Feathers, and his son, Blaine Feathers; and

WHEREAS, Chief Feathers was a devout member of First Baptist Church Somerville, where he served as a Sunday School teacher and deacon; and

WHEREAS, Chief Feather leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of Somerville, and indeed the entire state, have felt the deep pain produced by this loss of one of our best and brightest law enforcement officers; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional law enforcement officer and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of former Somerville Police Chief Kenneth Carl Feathers, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and limitless courage as someone upon whom so many looked as a shining example of bravery, benevolence, and dependability.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Chief Feathers.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.